

February 16, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee
 Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee
 Members of the MAG Pedestrian Working Group
 Members of the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force
 Members of the MAG Street Committee
 Members of the Planners Stakeholders Group

FROM: Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Acting Chair, MAG Pedestrian Working Group

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF FY 2005 DESIGN ASSISTANCE FOR PEDESTRIAN AREAS

As part of its FY 2005 Pedestrian Design Assistance Program, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is providing \$200,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the design of demonstration projects which implement the *MAG Policies and Design Guidelines for Pedestrian Areas* in this region. An application form is attached. An *Applicant Guidebook* and the *MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Projects* report are available on the MAG website. The Pedestrian Working Group will make its recommendation based on applications submitted by MAG members. The Pedestrian Working Group has indicated that it will give preference to those applicants which may have resources that could be used for construction of plans developed through this program. The pedestrian projects to receive design assistance will be approved by the Regional Council. Completed applications are due to MAG by **10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2005. Please submit 20 copies of your application.**

The MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program was initiated in 1995 to encourage the development of designs for pedestrian facilities according to the *MAG Pedestrian Area Policies and Design Guidelines*. The intent of the program was to stimulate integration of pedestrian facilities into the planning and design of all types of infrastructure and development. That intent has become a reality. Designing pedestrian projects through the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program helps to leverage funding for future construction of these projects.

If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please telephone Maureen DeCindis at the MAG office.

Enclosure

c: Intergovernmental Representatives